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**Subject:** RE: PBS Guidance and Farm Bill

Hi Alyssa,

I received an e-mail with the times that DOJ and OIRA would be available for a phone call, but they haven't indicated what they wanted to talk about. I'll be setting up the call.

-Melissa

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**Subject:** PBS Guidance and Farm Bill

Hi all –

Since we last worked on this guidance document, Congress passed the Farm Bill. The Farm Bill includes a description of PBS and requires USDA to submit a report to Congress on PBS.

We will need to edit the guidance document to reflect the final Farm Bill (the draft currently discusses the “proposed” Farm Bill).

But, also, OGC has heard that USDA may want EPA to pull back from this guidance document and coordinate with them, in light of the language in the Farm Bill. Does anyone know anything about this?

Also, Melissa/Angela: Do you know anything about the DOJ comments that are coming?

Thanks.

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**Subject:** FW: FROM OMB: EO 12866 Interagency Review: EPA's Guidance for Plant Biostimulant Products: Label Claims Excluded or Regulated under FIFRA as Plant Regulator Claims (RIN 2070-ZA21) - Interagency Comments

Hi all,

Welcome back.

Here's where we left off on biostimulants:

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Are folks o.k. with OMB's proposed revisions to D. What are the Potential Economic Impacts of Taking this Action?  
Comment [A2].

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

The Guidance document still needs work.

Please review and provide your comments on the FR document and guidance document.

We'll need to get our responses back to OMB.

I'll check with Danielle about USDA's comments and rescheduling the DOJ call.

Thanks!

-Melissa